

Please add the following new claims:

34. (New) A vaccine comprising the microorganism of claim 17.
35. (New) The vaccine of claim 20, wherein said *Streptococcus* mutant deficient in capsular expression is capable of surviving in an immune-competent host.
36. (New) The vaccine of claim 35, wherein said *Streptococcus* mutant deficient in capsular expression survives at least 4-5 days in an immune-competent host.
37. (New) The vaccine of claim 20, wherein said *Streptococcus* mutant deficient in capsular expression expresses a *Streptococcus* virulence factor or antigenic determinant.
38. (New) The vaccine of claim 22, wherein said *Streptococcus* mutant deficient in capsular expression expresses a *Streptococcus* virulence factor or antigenic determinant.
39. (New) The vaccine of claim 35, wherein said *Streptococcus* mutant deficient in capsular expression expresses a *Streptococcus* virulence factor or antigenic determinant.
40. (New) The vaccine of claim 36, wherein said *Streptococcus* mutant deficient in capsular expression expresses a *Streptococcus* virulence factor or antigenic determinant.
41. (New) The vaccine of claim 20, wherein said *Streptococcus* mutant deficient in capsular expression expresses a *non-Streptococcus* protein.
42. (New) The vaccine of claim 41 wherein said non- *Streptococcus* protein has been derived from a pathogen.

43. (New) The vaccine of claim 21, wherein said *Streptococcus* mutant deficient in capsular expression expresses a *non-Streptococcus* protein.

44. (New) The vaccine of claim 43, wherein said non- *Streptococcus* protein has been derived from a pathogen.

45. (New) The vaccine of claim 22, wherein said *Streptococcus* mutant deficient in capsular expression expresses a *non-Streptococcus* protein.

46. (New) The vaccine of claim 45 wherein said non- *Streptococcus* protein has been derived from a pathogen.

47. (New) The vaccine of claim 23, wherein said *Streptococcus* mutant deficient in capsular expression expresses a *non-Streptococcus* protein.

48. (New) The vaccine of claim 47 wherein said non- *Streptococcus* protein has been derived from a pathogen.

49. (New) The vaccine of claim 37, wherein said *Streptococcus* mutant deficient in capsular expression expresses a *non-Streptococcus* protein.

50. (New) The vaccine of claim 38, wherein said *Streptococcus* mutant deficient in capsular expression expresses a *non-Streptococcus* protein.

51. (New) The vaccine of claim 39, wherein said *Streptococcus* mutant deficient in capsular expression expresses a *non-Streptococcus* protein.